

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12, 46 and 48 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

13. (Amended) A telephone information apparatus comprising:

a telephone line connection;

a speech recogniser for recognising spoken words received via the telephone line connection, by reference to recognition data representing a set of possible utterances;
means responsive to receipt via the telephone line connection of signals indicating the origin of a telephone call to access stored information identifying a subset of the set of utterances and to restrict the recogniser operation to that subset;

[Apparatus as in claim 12, in which the apparatus includes:]

a store containing recognition data for all words of the sets, and

[the] control means is operable to mark in the recognition data store those items of data therein which correspond to the words not in the subset or those which correspond to words which are in the subset,

whereby the recognition means may ignore all words so marked or, respectively, not marked.

14. (Amended) [Apparatus as in claim 12,] A telephone information apparatus comprising:

a telephone line connection;

a speech recogniser for recognising spoken words received via the telephone line connection, by reference to recognition data representing a set of possible utterances; and

means responsive to receipt via the telephone line connection of signals indicating the origin of a telephone call to access stored information identifying a subset of the set of utterances and to restrict the recogniser operation to that subset;

in which[: the] control means is operable to generate recognition data for each word of the subset.

26. (Amended) A method of identifying entries in a store of data by reference to stored information defining connections between entries and words, said method comprising:

(a) identifying one or more of the said words as present in received voice signals;

[(c)] (b) compiling a list of those of the said words connected with entries connected also with the identified words; and

(c) identifying at least one of the words of the list as present in the received voice signals.